

EVENT PHOTO RETRIEVAL SYSTEM AND METHOD

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An event-photo-retrieval system and method has at least one event camera (1), a central database (3), an event-photograph selector (5) and a purchase terminal (6) which are programmed electronically. The event camera includes a digital camera which, for each event attendee (15), quantizes gestalt individual features for programmed face recognition software. The attendee photograph with face recognition software programming is digitized and transmitted to the central database. The event camera photographs event activities for providing event photographs (29) that include event groups (30), event attendees, and event-scenery photographs (10). With the event-photograph selector, event photographs are selectable by the individual attendee in accordance with face recognition software programming. With the purchase terminal, the event attendee actuates a credit-card purchase of any event photographs selected accordingly. An optional data-terminal camera (1) may be used to take pre-event photographs of attendees to which attendee information may be appended and stored in the central database for photograph identification.